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8	BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA			
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:) Case No. 10-92-22793		
12	LAWRENCE J. JAFFE, M.D.) OAH No. L-9507069		
13	5608 Mill Peak Road San Diego, California 92120	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND		
14		DISCIPLINARY ORDER		
15	Physician's and Surgeon's No. A32274,			
16	Respondent.))		
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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED ANI	AGREED by and between the		
19	parties to the above-entitled proceedings that the following			
20	matters are true:			
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21		number 10-92-22793 was filed		
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	1. An Accusation in case	, of the Medical Board of		
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June 6, 1995, and respondent filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation on or about June 21, 1995. A copy of Accusation No. 10-92-22793 is attached as Exhibit "A" and hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

- 3. The Complainant, Ron Joseph, is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California. This action was initially brought by Dixon Arnett, the then Executive Director of the Medical Board of California solely in his official capacity. The Complainant is represented by the Attorney General of California, Daniel E. Lungren, by and through Deputy Attorney General Richard D. Hendlin.
- 4. The respondent is represented in this matter by Monty A. McIntyre, Esq., whose address is 2169 First Avenue, San Diego, California 92101.
- 5. The respondent and his attorney have fully discussed the charges contained in Accusation number 10-92-22793, and the respondent has been fully advised regarding his legal rights and the effects of this stipulation.
- 6. At all times relevant herein, respondent has been licensed by the Medical Board of California under Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A32274.
- 7. Respondent understands the nature of the charges alleged in the Accusation and that, if proven at hearing, the charges and allegations would constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his license. Respondent is fully aware of his right to a hearing on the charges contained in the Accusation, his right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against him,

his right to the use of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents in both defense and mitigation of the charges, his right to reconsideration, appeal and any and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

Respondent knowingly, voluntarily and irrevocably waives and give up each of these rights.

- 8. Respondent admits the factual allegations in the Accusation No. 10-92-22793 in paragraphs 5B, D, E, F, G, H, I, and J. Respondent further admits those portions of Accusation paragraph 5A that Merry F. was his patient from November of 1986 until July of 1993, and admits the portions of Accusation paragraph 5C that he refilled Merry F.'s Klonopin on other occasions without her permission and picked up the prescriptions himself. Respondent does not contest the other factual allegations in Accusation paragraphs 5A and 5C. Respondent acknowledges the other allegations of Accusation No. 10-92-22793, and agrees that he has subjected his license to disciplinary action, and he gives up his right to contest the charges in the Accusation. Respondent agrees to be bound by the Division's Disciplinary Order as set forth below.
- 9. Based on the foregoing admissions and stipulated matters, the parties agree that the Division shall, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following order:

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DISCIPLINARY ORDER

certificate number A32274 issued to Lawrence J. Jaffe, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and respondent is placed on probation for five years on the following terms and conditions. Within 15 days after the effective date of this decision the respondent shall provide the Division, or its designee, proof of service that respondent has served a true copy of this decision on the Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to respondent or where respondent is employed to practice medicine and on the Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier where malpractice insurance coverage is extended to respondent.

- 1. <u>BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING</u> Respondent shall immediately submit to biological fluid testing, at respondent's cost, upon the request of the Division or its designee.
- 2. <u>DIVERSION PROGRAM</u> Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this decision, respondent shall enroll and participate in the Division's Diversion Program until the Division determines that further treatment and rehabilitation is no longer necessary. Quitting the program without permission or being expelled for cause shall constitute a violation of probation by respondent.
- 3. ETHICS COURSE Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall enroll in a course in Ethics approved in advance by the Division or its

designee, and shall successfully complete the course during the first year of probation.

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ORAL CLINICAL OR WRITTEN EXAM Respondent shall take and pass an oral clinical exam in subjects to be designated and administered by the Division, or its designee. This examination shall be taken within ninety (90) days after the effective date of this decision. If respondent fails the first examination, respondent shall be allowed to take and pass a second examination, which may consist of a written as well as an oral examination. The waiting period between the first and second examinations shall be at least three (3) months. If respondent fails to pass the first and second examination, respondent may take a third and final examination after waiting a period of one (1) year. Failure to pass the oral clinical examination within eighteen (18) months after the effective date of this decision shall constitute a violation of probation. The respondent shall pay the costs of these examinations within ninety (90) days of the administration of each exam.

If respondent fails the first examination, respondent shall be suspended from the practice of medicine until a repeat examination has been successfully passed, as evidenced by written notice to respondent from the Division or its designee.

5. <u>PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION</u> Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the Division or its designee, respondent shall undergo a psychiatric evaluation (and psychological testing, if deemed necessary) by a Division-

appointed psychiatrist, who shall furnish an evaluation report to the Division or its designee. The respondent shall pay the cost of the psychiatric evaluation.

If respondent is required by the Division or its designee to undergo psychiatric treatment, respondent shall within thirty (30) days of the requirement notice submit to the Division for its prior approval the name and qualifications of a psychiatrist of respondent's choice. Respondent shall undergo and continue psychiatric treatment until further notice from the Division or its designee. Respondent shall have the treating psychiatrist submit quarterly status reports to the Division or its designee indicating whether the respondent is capable of practicing medicine safely.

If the evaluation or the treating psychiatrist's report determines that respondent is not mentally fit to practice medicine safely, then respondent shall be suspended from the practice of medicine until a repeat evaluation establishes that he can practice safely, as evidenced by written notice to respondent from the Division or its designee.

6. MONITORING Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the Division or its designee for its prior approval a plan of practice in which respondent's practice shall be monitored by another physician in respondent's field of practice, who shall provide periodic reports to the Division or its designee.

If the monitor resigns or is no longer available, respondent shall, within fifteen (15) days, move to have a new

monitor appointed, through nomination by respondent and approval by the Division or its designee.

- 7. OBEY ALL LAWS Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments and other orders.
- 8. **QUARTERLY REPORTS** Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Division, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.

9. PROBATION SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

Respondent shall comply with the Division's probation surveillance program. Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Division informed of his addresses of business and residence which shall both serve as addresses of record. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Division. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record.

Respondent shall also immediately inform the Division, in writing, of any travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty (30) days.

10. <u>INTERVIEW WITH THE DIVISION, ITS DESIGNEE OR ITS</u>

<u>DESIGNATED PHYSICIAN(S)</u> Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Division, its designee or its designated physician(s) upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.

11. TOLLING FOR OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE, RESIDENCE OR IN-STATE

NON-PRACTICE In the event respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside the State or for any reason should respondent stop practicing medicine in California, respondent shall notify the Division or its designee in writing within ten (10) days of the dates of departure and return or the dates of non-practice within California. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding thirty days in which respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Sections 2051 and 2052 of the Business and Professions Code. All time spent in an intensive training program approved by the Division or its designee shall be considered as time spent in the practice of medicine. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California or of non-practice within California, as defined in this condition, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary period.

- 12. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u> Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's certificate shall be fully restored.
- probation in any respect, the Division, after giving respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an accusation or petition to revoke probation is filed against respondent during probation, the Division shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

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- associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation or on a prorated basis thereof. The costs are currently set at \$2,588 per year, but may be adjusted downward on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Division of Medical Quality and delivered to the designated probation surveillance monitor by January 10 of each year beginning in 1997 and continuing in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001. Failure to pay costs within 30 days of the due date shall constitute a violation of probation.
- 16. <u>LICENSE SURRENDER</u> Following the effective date of this decision, if respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, respondent may voluntarily tender his

certificate to the Board. The Division reserves the right to evaluate the respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license, respondent will not longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation.

CONTINGENCY

This stipulation shall be subject to the approval of the Division. Respondent understands and agrees that Board staff and counsel for complainant may communicate directly with the Division regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by respondent or his counsel. If the Division fails to adopt this stipulation as its Order, the stipulation shall be of no force or effect, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Division shall not be disqualified from further action in this matter by virtue of its consideration of this stipulation.

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I have read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I have fully discussed the terms and conditions and other matters contained therein with my attorney, Monty A. McIntyre. I understand the effect this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate, and agree to be bound thereby. I enter this stipulation freely, knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily.

ACCEPTANCE

DATED: <u>4</u> -4-96	Laur & Jappen.
	LAWRENCE J. JAFFÉ [†] [†] Respondent

I have read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and approve of it as to form and content. I have fully discussed the terms and conditions and other matters therein with respondent Lawrence J. Jaffe.

McINTYRE & McINTYRE, A.P.C.

DATED:	4-4-96	By: May M. W.
		Monty A. McIntyre Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
Order is hereby respectfully submitted for the consideration of
the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California,
Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: May 9, 1996

DANIEL E. LUNGREN, Attorney General of the State of California

RICHARD D. HENDLIN
Deputy Attorney General

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Attorneys for Complainant

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DECISION AND ORDER OF THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

The foregoing Stipulation and Order, in case number 1092-22793, is hereby adopted as the Order of the Division of
Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, Department of
Consumer Affairs. An effective date of July 5, 1996, has
been assigned to this Decision and Order.

Made this 4th day of June , 1996.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

IRA LUBELL, M.D., Chair-Panel A

FOR THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY

Exhibit: Accusation

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1.5	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A32274		
16	Respondent.		
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18	Complainant Dixon Arnett, who as causes for		
19	disciplinary action, alleges:		
20	<u>PARTIES</u>		
21	1. Complainant is the Executive Director of the		
22	Medical Board of California ("Board") and makes and files this		
23	Accusation solely in his official capacity.		
24	License Status		
25	2. On or about May 8, 1978, Physician's and Surgeon's		
26	Certificate No. A32274 was issued by the Board to Lawrence J.		
27	Jaffe, M.D. ("respondent"), and at all time relevant herein,		
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JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is made in reference to the following statutes of the California Business and Professions Code ("Code"):

- A. Section 2227 provides that the Board may revoke, suspend for a period not to exceed one year, or place on probation, the license of any licensee who has been found guilty under the Medical Practice Act.
- B. Section 2234 provides that unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - "(b) Gross negligence.
 - "(c) Repeated negligent acts.
- "(e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon."
- C. Section 2239 provides that the use or prescribing for or administering to himself, of any controlled substance; or the use of any of the dangerous drugs specified in section 4211, or of alcoholic beverages, to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to the licensee, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice medicine safely, constitutes unprofessional conduct.

D. Section 2242 provides that prescribing, dispensing, or furnishing dangerous drugs as defined in section 4211 without a good faith prior examination and medical indication therefor, constitutes unprofessional conduct.

- E. Section 4211 provides that a "dangerous drug" means any drug unsafe for self-medication including any drug which by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription.
- F. Section 2261 provides that knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document directly or indirectly related to the practice of medicine or podiatry which falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts, constitutes unprofessional conduct.
- G. Section 2238 provides that a violation of any federal statute or federal regulation or any of the statutes or regulations of this state regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances constitutes unprofessional conduct.
- H. Health and Safety Code section 11173 provides that no person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or a prescription for controlled substances, by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge, or by the concealment of a material fact. No person shall make a false statement in any prescription, order, report, or record, required by this division.

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Section 125.3 of the Business and Professions Code provides that in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department, the board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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FACTS

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5. Patient Merry F .:

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On or about November 20, 1993, patient Merry

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F., filed a complaint with the Medical Board concerning treatment she had received from respondent, a psychiatrist. until July of 1993. в. Merry F. stated in her complaint that on or about October 20, 1992, following a therapy session with respondent, he asked her to fill a prescription allegedly for another person using her name. Respondent then drove

Merry F. to a pharmacy and gave her a prescription for 1 mg

of Klonopin with her name written on it. He also gave her

\$80 to purchase the drug and he waited outside the pharmacy

for Merry F. to return with the prescription. obtaining the prescription, she handed it to respondent and he told her the Klonopin was really for one of his

employees.

C. After Merry F. stopped seeing respondent in July of 1993, she went back to the pharmacy that she had gone to with respondent. She requested that the pharmacist print out a computer generated list of all medications filled there using her name. The pharmacy gave her a computer print-out indicating that respondent had refilled the Klonopin prescription five times using Merry F.'s name and without her permission. The pharmacist told Merry F. that respondent had picked up her prescriptions.

D. On or about May 19, 1992, respondent's temporary clinical privileges were summarily suspended at Charter Hospital-San Diego. This occurred because of several staff reports of respondent coming to work at the hospital with alcohol on his breath, on several occassions between March 3, 1992, and May 1992. Furthermore, on May 19, 1992, respondent had a blood alcohol test which revealed a blood alcohol level of between .4 - .5 at 10:15 a.m. at the hospital.

E. From October 28, 1992, through March 11, 1993, respondent was afforded a Judicial Review Hearing to contest the summary suspension. During the course of the hearing, respondent had two of his then treating patients testify for him on his behalf. One of these patients was Merry F. The summary suspension was ultimately upheld by the Appellate Review Executive Committee and the superior court following a writ of mandate.

- F. On October 12, 1994, respondent and his attorney, met with a medical consultant at the Medical Board to discuss his loss of hospital privileges and Merry F.'s complaint. Respondent denied that he had any problem with alcohol, and stated that he was dealt with unfairly at Charter Hospital.
- G. Respondent admitted that he used Merry F.'s name to write prescriptions for someone else. Respondent also admitted that he had no formal medical chart for this "other person." He further admitted that he frequently picked up prescriptions for his patients because they are "busy white collar and professional" patients who are "too busy" to pick up their own prescriptions.
- H. At the physician's conference, respondent was asked to submit a urine sample. Respondent declined saying that he had taken a Valium. He later told the Medical Board's investigator that he had received the Valium from his mother when he was visiting her a few months previously.
- I. On October 19, 1994, an investigator for the Medical Board went to respondent's home and requested a urine sample. After talking to his attorney, respondent submitted a sample.
- J. The urine sample was positive for Marijuana Metabolites and Benzodiazepine. Klonopin and Valium are both Benzodiazepines. Respondent stated that he was taking Valium even though he had not been prescribed Valium by another physician.

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Respondent has subjected his license to 6. disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by sections 2234(b), and 2234(c) of the Code, in that he has committed gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the practice of his profession, as more particularly alleged hereinafter:

- Paragraph 5, above, is incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.
- Respondent is guilty of gross negligence and в. repeated negligent acts in his care and treatment of patient Merry F. Said acts include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Respondent used Merry F. to fraudulently obtain drugs for another person.
 - Respondent took advantage of his therapeutic relationship with Merry F. to obtain drugs for his own purposes.
 - Respondent took advantage of his therapeutic relationship with Merry F. by having her testify at his Judicial Review Hearing.
- Respondent has further subjected his license to 7. disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by sections 2234(e) of the Code, in that he has committed acts involving dishonesty or

- A. Paragraph 5, above, is incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.
- B. Respondent is guilty of dishonesty and/or corruption in his care and treatment of patient Merry F. Said acts include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Respondent took advantage of his therapeutic relationship with Merry F. to obtain drugs for his own purposes.
 - (2) Respondent wrote a prescription using a false name.
 - (3) Respondent refilled a prescription five times using a false name.
- 8. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2239 of the Code, in that he has used or administered to himself a controlled substance, or any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4211, or of alcoholic beverages, to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to the licensee, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that such use impaired the ability of the licensee to practice medicine safely, as more particularly alleged hereinafter:

- A. Paragraph 5, above, is incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.
- B. Respondent self-administered Valium without having been prescribed Valium by a treating physician; and
 - C. Respondent self-administered Marijuana.
- 9. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2261 of the Code, in that he knowingly made or signed a certificate or other document directly or indirectly related to the practice of medicine which falsely represented the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts, as more particularly alleged hereinafter:
 - A. Paragraph 5, above, is incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.
 - B. Respondent falsely and fraudulently wrote a prescription using a name other than that of the person for whom intended.
 - C. Respondent refilled a prescription five times using a false name.
- 10. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by Health and Safety Code section 11173, in that he obtained controlled substances, or procured or attempted to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, by fraud, deceit,

misrepresentation, or subterfuge, or by the concealment of a 1 material fact. Further, respondent made a statement in a 2 prescription which falsely represented the existence or 3 nonexistence of a state of facts, as more particularly alleged 4 5 hereinafter: 6 Paragraph 5, above, is incorporated by Α. 7 reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein. 8 Respondent falsely and fraudulently wrote a . B. 9 prescription using a patient's name other than that of the 10 person for whom intended. 11 Respondent refilled a prescription five times C. 12 using a false name. 13 PRAYER 14 WHEREFORE, complainant requests that the Board hold a 15 hearing on the matters alleged herein, and that following said hearing, the Board issue a decision: 16 17 Revoking or suspending Physician's and 1. 18 Surgeon's Number A32274, heretofore issued to 19 respondent Lawrence J. Jaffe, M.D.; 20 2. Directing respondent Lawrence J. Jaffe, M.D. 21 to pay to the Board a reasonable sum for its 22 investigative and enforcement costs of this action; and 23 24 25 26-27

raking such other and further action as the Board deems appropriate to protect the public health, safety and welfare. DATED: June 6, 1995 Executive Director Medical Board of California Department of Consumer Affairs State-of-California Complainant SLL:sol 5-25-95 03573160-SD95AD0080 C:\SLL\Jaffe.acc